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DIRECTIONS

FOR TAKING

Dr. PRIESTLEY's

ANTI-BILIOUS POWDERS.

DIRECTIONS.

IN all Biliary Obstructions it is very proper to observe, that the body should be kept constantly open; and for accomplishing this, soluble tartar, magnesia, wheys, butter-milk, ripe fruits *before* dinner, roasted apples the first thing, fasting two hours after eating them, are extremely proper. Should these, however, fail of producing the desired effect, either the following decoction, or pills may be taken.

THE DECOCTION.

TAKE of the fresh roots and leaves of dandelion sliced small, three ounces; of dried Zante currants, one ounce; let the dandelion and currants be well washed; of senna leaves, half an ounce; Boil these ingredients in three pints of water, till reduced to two; strain off the decoction into a bottle for use; add to every quart two ounces of the best brandy. A teacupful of this gentle opening medicine may be taken every night and morning, and may be repeated more frequently, if necessary.

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THE OPENING PILLS.

TAKE of Castile soap, two drams; of powdered jalap, one dram and half; of vitriolated tartar and rhubarb, each one dram; of oil of juniper, fifty drops; let the rhubarb, jalap, tartar, be in fine powder.—The powders and the soap should be beat well together; then add the oil; and with the mucilage of gum arabic, a sufficient quantity, make them into pills. Half a dram of the mass will make eight pills of a moderate size.

Four, five or six of these pills will generally prove a sufficient purge. For keeping body gently open, one or two may be taken night and morning with good effect, as *occasion* requires.

REGIMEN.

To assist the operation of the Powders, such kind of exercise as cheer the spirits and promote circulation are essential; and such diet should be resorted to as is nutritive in its quality, and has been experienced by the patient to agree the best with the stomach. Care should at the same time be taken to avoid high seasoned meats, sauces, pastry, &c.

It would also be highly conducive to the good effect of the Medicine, as well as the re-establishment and preservation of health, were suppers totally avoided, or that they consisted only of what is light and easy of digestion, and taken soon in the evening.—Early going to rest, which is particularly recommended, as essential to procure sound, refreshing, and invigorating sleep, would contribute to early rising, and by these means render the body alert and active; being thus prepared and qualified to receive all the advantages of medical aid, peculiar benefit, the most salutary effects, will result from using the Powders.

When any foulness of the Stomach is indicated by retching, sick head-ach, or other symptoms, it will be advisable to give a gentle emetic, consisting of from fifteen to thirty grains of Ipecacoanha, the evening preceding the first administration.



administration of the powder. And it is necessary that a distinction should be attended to for children, both with respect to the emetic, when necessary, and the Powders, according to their age and constitution.

The POWDER itself must be taken *upon an empty stomach*, having been previously mixed, the night before, with the *pulps of roasted Apples while hot*; nor must any kind of sustenance be taken, *upon any consideration, for six hours following*, when a little light food and moderate exercise may be allowed. *Roasted Apples* are the most proper vehicle in which the Powder can be taken; but when these *are absolutely not to be obtained or have lost their acidity*, the best substitutes will be formed by adding a teaspoonful of Lemon juice to either Treacle or Currant Jellies, Raspberry Jams, and all preserves of a similar nature.

Half a Powder must be taken, mixed as before directed every Morning for Four successive Days, an intermission of Three Mornings may then take place, continue in this manner till a Cure is effected; if by this method, the symptoms of the Complaint should be increased, the same quantity must be taken every other Morning *without intermission*; those Patients whose Symptoms are very strong, so that there may be reason to suspect either a Schirrous Liver, or Calculi in the Gall-Bladder, must take *half* instead of a *whole* Powder, until the violence of the Disorder does abate; when they may continue as already mentioned. To Patients of very delicate Constitutions, half a Powder must be prescribed, every other Morning, and if found necessary, the time of fasting after it may be reduced from Six to Four Hours.

Persons frequenting or inhabiting Tropical Climates, who use the Powders *as a Preventive*, will take *half* a Powder every other Morning, and abstain from eating and drinking *four* Hours after; at the same time using the necessary means for keeping the Body gently open. But those who are unhappily reduced to the dreadful necessity of having recourse to the Powder, *after the Yellow Fever, or any other Putrid Disorder incident to hot Climates shall have made its appearance*, and the Contageon probably laid hold of the Constitution, must take *half a Powder more every Two Hours, or oftener if necessary*, in the manner already directed; and as the violence of the Symptoms is found to abate, the Powder may be gradually

dually discontinued; should a favorable Crisis and a total remission of the Disorder take place, the best mode of insuring a perfect re-establishment of health, is by taking large quantities of Bark *either in Substance or strong Decoction*, with a *generous* allowance of Red Port or Madeira.

Those who may be desirous of further information either in respect to Diet, a proper mode of treating themselves, or more accurate description of the Symptoms of Bilious Disorders in general are referred to the Doctor's Remarks, of which a Third Edition is now published and may be had at the WAREHOUSE, No. 39, BROOK-STREET, HOLBORN.

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ADDRESS.

WHEN a Medicine of any kind is recommended to the afflicted, it inspires confidence to be well assured of its efficacy, and probably good effects. The skill of the Physician inspires this confidence, when his person or reputation is known to the patient. When this is not the case, as it can seldom occur where a Medicine is offered to the public by a provincial Physician known but to his own friends and patients, however numerous they may be, the only circumstance that may give authenticity and authority to such a recommendation, is the proof that it has been already administered, in variety of instances, with uniform success. When this success, long continued, and very extensive in private practice, is evinced by persons of respectability, competent to judge of the circumstances, whose testimony cannot reasonably be doubted, and who can be applied to for ultimate satisfaction, as existing proofs, *living in health* by its efficacy... the Medicine then comes recommended in the strongest manner... and if it be not possible to adduce an Instance where it has failed of producing salutary effects, nothing farther is necessary to establish its reputation, but to lay the plain facts before the public.

Urged by the desire of extending the mild and efficacious powers of this valuable Medicine, wherever they may be useful, in a mode perfectly unexceptionable, a few of these facts are now brought forward... without *unnecessarily* exciting the feelings of any individual, by exposing his complaint against his inclination... without *improperly* attempting to interest the public mind, by a prolix detail of the increase of practice, and many extraordinary successes which the Doctor has met with in his treatment of BILIOUS COMPLAINTS and DISORDERS of the STOMACH and BOWELS, during an experience of many years, no less than during the *few months* since the first Impression of this tract; but with a firm confidence, arising from circumstances so propitious, he submits to public inspection, the following cases of respectable persons, which, among many others equally important have happily succeeded by the use of his ANTI-BILIOUS POWDER.

CASE I. *The Rev. Mr. SMITH.*

Dr. PRIESTLEY,

IMPRESSED, Sir, with a due sense of the very great Benefit I have received from your ANTI-BILIOUS POWDERS, I beg your acceptance of my grateful acknowledgment for the same.

I do, moreover, aver that, for several years past, I had been afflicted with a *Bilious Complaint*, attended, at Intervals, with violent *Sickness* and *dangerous Symptoms*, and had received only a temporary Relief from all the Prescriptions of the Faculty; inasmuch that, for these three years, I have been obliged to have constant Recourse to various Medicines, in order to alleviate the pain: When upon seeing your *late interesting Remarks on Bilious Disorders*, I determined to make *Trial of your Invention*, as you are pleased to term a sovereign Remedy for the Jaundice. The consequence was, that, by taking only Three of your Powders, I found myself effectually relieved from my Complaint, and I have never since felt a Return of it in the smallest Degree.

You have, Sir, my permission to make such use as you may think proper of this Declaration:

Mean while, I am, &c.

JOSEPH SMITH.

Stourton-Lodge, near Leeds, Sept 8th, 1797.

CASE II. *Mr. WILLIAM THACKREY, Master-Dyer, Leeds.*

To Dr. R. PRIESTLEY,....Sir,

I am impelled publicly to thank you for your personal attention, and to express myself truly happy at the discovery of your ANTI-BILIOUS POWDERS.

In May last my Case was truly deplorable. Seemingly at the point of Death by means of an inveterate Jaundice, my Body and Legs were swelled to a large extent, with every symptom of Dropsy. Thus circumstanced, unable to rise from Bed, I was informed of your Publication on Bilious Complaints, which my Partner was kind enough to bring me: Convinced at the same time, of its desirability of my Case, and from my knowledge of you, that you would not publish what you have not experienced, I without hesitation applied, and I have no occasion to multiply to you, what were my alarming and distressing symptoms. Agreeably to your advice, I took *one whole Powder*, the sudden

udden effect of which was as extraordinary as agreeable; it produced, in an imperceptible manner, immediate Relief by the removal of a load from my Stomach. Surprised by such a change for the better, I did not hesitate taking a *second Powder* which enabled me to leave my Bed, and every Idea of danger gradually vanished. I am happy to add, that *six Powders* more totally eradicated the Complaint, after all the efforts of the Faculty had been exerted without the least success,---and I now enjoy perfect Health.

Make what use of this Communication you please; for I consider by it I shall benefit sufferers in a similar situation, at the same time that I shew my grateful Acknowledgment to you, as

Sir, your obliged humble Servant,

WILLIAM THACKREY.

October 7th, 1797.

CASE III. SAMUEL WHITEHEAD, Hair-dresser, of *Keighley*, in the *West-Riding of Yorkshire*, late a Ballotted Man in the *West-Riding* Supplementary Militia, under the command of **THE RIGHT HONOURABLE LORD HAREWOOD**.

During the exercise of the Doctor's Duty as Surgeon to this respectable Corps, whilst embodied at *Leeds*; the above person was reported on the Sick List, afflicted with the Jaundice. *Four Powders* only, being administered to him, he was perfectly cured.

June 21st, 1797.

CASE IV. Mr. JOSEPH THORNTON, Upholder and Cabinet-Maker, *Kirkgate, Leeds*.

To Dr. R. PRIESTLEY,....Sir,

I beg you will please to make public my thanks to you for a Cure performed by taking only Five of your *Anti-Bilious Powders* in a severe Bilious Complaint, attended with Jaundice. It was well for me in May last, when I was so greatly afflicted, that I saw your Publication, or I still might have laboured under my Disease without Relief....Your attention and skill perfectly restored me to Health and I am happy in this opportunity of testifying my obligation.

I am, Sir, Your obedient humble Servant,

JOSEPH THORNTON.

Kirkgate, Leeds, Oct. 7th, 1797.

CASE V. Mr. BROWN, of *Armley*, near *Leeds*.

To Dr. R. PRIESTLEY,....Sir,

Having laboured under a Bilious Complaint at my Stomach and Bowels, owing to Indigestion attended by the most excruciating pains, a general lassitude of body, and anxiety of mind, for twelve years; having consulted and followed the Prescriptions of many of the Faculty to little purpose; I am happy to acquaint you that by attending to your wholesome advice and taking your **ANTI-BILIOUS POWDERS**, I am perfectly relieved....It is necessary I should mention, that the second morning after taking the first Powder I voided from my Stomach, a Worm nearly Seven Inches in length, and several smaller ones since....For the last two or three years I constantly discharged Bloody Excrement occasioned by the excess of my Complaint; that also has ceased: and I have the satisfaction of declaring, that from a very emaciated state of Body, I am recovered to unexpected strength; my complexion is restored to its usual appearance, and I enjoy perfect health. I think it my duty, having found so much Benefit, to acquaint you of the Circumstances; at the same time respectfully adding that if mentioning my Name and Situation will be of any public benefit; you have my full consent and approbation.

I am, Sir, Sincerely, Your obliged humble Servant,

ROBERT BROWN.

Armley, Oct. 12th, 1797.

CASE VI. Copy of a LETTER to Mrs. BINNS, Bookseller, *LEEDS*.

Madam,

The natural delicacy of our sex preventing every Idea of my name being known, and yet desirous of informing you of the benefit I have received by taking Dr. PRIESTLEY'S POWDERS, I cannot resist writing to you upon the subject; and requesting you will be so good as to acquaint him.

I have not arrived at the age of *thirty*; and yet I have had my share of affliction....Having lost a dear mother whom I shall ever regret, it preyed upon my spirits so much, that I lost all my usual vivacity, and sunk into a lowness of spirits seemingly unconquerable. The excess of my grief, and the carelessness I paid to receiving proper nourishment, so reduced my habit, that I was seized with the Jaundice; my complexion, naturally florid, changed to an orange colour, and I had all the internal inconveniences attending disorders of this kind.

My situation was now truly afflicting; my friends and acquaintance could scarce trace any resemblance of my former features; and though I would gladly have been restored to my health, yet every medical assistance was tried without the least benefit.

I was advised, as a last resort, to try the *Buxton waters*;....their effect was very trifling indeed....I had given myself up as lost, and resigned to whatever might happen; when on my return to

to town, a lady of my acquaintance was so obliging as to lend me one of the Doctor's Pamphlets, with a wish that I would give the Powders a trial..... I thought the request not unreasonable, though I had no hope of success.

Upon taking *four* of the Powders in Raspberry Jam, for I have an aversion to Apples, I perceived an amazing change for the better..... I then continued them, when surprizing to relate, my Jaundice left me; by taking *three* more Powders, my colour, and my spirits returned; and, excepting the regret I must ever feel, my health is perfectly restored.

I should mention to you that making too great use of the Buxton waters, caused a feverish complaint which the Powders also removed.

Be so good as to excuse this trouble from

Madam, Your &c.

Great Marlborough-street, London, Oct. 25, 1797.

CASE VII. *Copy of a Letter to Mrs. VICKERS, of LEEDS, from a Young Lady afflicted with a*
BILIOUS COMPLAINT IN HER STOMACH AND BOWELS.

I return you Thanks for sending me the Powders, according to my wish: I assure you, they have been of very great service to me; and I have reason to value them. It is my intention to keep them always by me as *Treasures*. I should have called upon Dr. PRIESTLEY, had I come to LEEDS, at the time proposed. Will thank you to inform him, the first opportunity, that I have received much benefit from them; and sincerely hope many others will have the same Blessing:.... For health is a Blessing indeed, we don't know how to value sufficiently.

August 3d, 1797.

CASE VIII.

To Dr. R. PRIESTLEY,.... Dear Sir,

I wish you would let the following Certificate, appear in the rough form it now is, as I think the learned or unlearned may understand its Contents, without cramming it full of Physical Terms, or Technical Phrases; nor can Theory set aside practical Facts; they are stubborn things, and will force their way, in spite of the most ingenious reasoning, such matters of fact require no embellishment.

Yours sincerely,

Wm. MANN.

To the Public at large.

I do hereby Certify, that a Young Woman, a Relation of mine, about Twenty-one Years of Age, who has resided with me for many Years, was in April last, seized with a violent Bilious Complaint, which increased to such a degree, that in six or eight Weeks time, she had lost her appetite and spirits, and was otherwise so far reduced as to be scarce able to walk, from debility and great swelling of her Legs, attended with sickness and difficult respiration. Her Complexion, which before was rather florid, changed to a deep Yellow. and every other Symptom of Jaundice made its dreadful appearance, after taking a variety of Medicines to no good Effect, I was advised to send her into the Country for a few Weeks, which I did, but to no purpose, for instead of doing her any service, I thought her worse than when she went. However, after hearing of Dr Priestley's Medicine for curing the Jaundice, I was determined she should make trial of his ANTI-BILIOUS POWDERS, which she accordingly did, after taking two of them, at four different times, to my great astonishment, she seemed much better and more chearful, with a return of appetite, and after giving over taking for four mornings together, she took two Powders more, at four other different times, and I, as well as all her acquaintance, were surprized to perceive her natural colour, strength, appetite, and vivacity returned, and she is now perfectly cured... It is no more than doing common Justice to Dr. Priestley, and for the benefit of Mankind in general to make this Case Public... With my thanks (and particularly those of the young Woman) full of gratitude, giving leave to the Doctor to make what use of this Certificate he pleases.

As Witness my Hand,

Wm. MANN, Sen. Attorney at Law.

Sunny-Bank, near Leeds, Jan. 2d, 1798.

Witness HARRIET MANN, (the Person lately afflicted.)

CASE IX.

Mrs. Margaret Scholey, recommended by Mr. L. Ray, Dyer, of Mill-hill, Leeds, was afflicted with the Jaundice. By taking only *four* Powders, in eight Days her Complaint was totally eradicated.

CASE X. To Dr. R. PRIESTLEY..... Sir,

The Information you did me the Honor to communicate of ANN WALKER's Recovery, was delivered by the Poor Woman herself, who acknowledges (with heartfelt Gratitude for your kindness) her perfect Restoration from the distressing malady she so long laboured under. Permit me

Sir, to add that I shall feel it no less a Duty, than it will be a real Pleasure to me, to assert this astonishing Cure as a Fact which may be useful to hundreds afflicted with Bilious Disorders. I am likewise indebted for your "Remarks, &c." which I shall take an early opportunity of sending to a Friend in South Wales, with an Account of the Effects I have witnessed from the use of your Powder, as a means of making the utility of it more generally known in that part of the Island.

I remain with respect, Sir,

Your most humble Servant,

WADE BROWN.

ANN WALKER, of Leeds, aged about Forty-three Years, of a delicate Constitution, about Fifteen Months ago, was seized with symptoms of Colic which brought on a Dysentery and resisted many judicious Medicines administered by her Apothecary. This distressing Complaint terminated in the Black-Jaundice, which is generally deemed by the Faculty incurable, and seldom yields to Medicine. Three Weeks ago she was recommended by me (being at that time one of the Committee for the relief of the Poor) to the Care of Dr. Prießley, and by the use of his Anti-Bilious Powder, as prescribed, she rapidly recovered her Health, and is now perfectly re-established.

Witness WADE BROWN.

The preceding Cases, important and interesting as they certainly are, sufficiently confirm what has been advanced in my REMARKS ON BILIOUS DISORDERS;... I take the liberty, nevertheless, of subjoining a Case, which, in my humble opinion, merits particular attention.

A YOUNG LADY from the neighbourhood of Chester, applied for my advice, in a severe BILIARY COMPLAINT. She was oppressed by a remittent fever, attended with every symptom of *hypochondria*, and at intervals, afflicted with excruciating pain in the Stomach and Bowels, which admitted of no relief but from large doses of opiates. Her pulse was quick and irregular; the faeces inclined to a clayey colour; and indeed, altogether, the Young Lady exhibited a very melancholy picture of the rage occasioned by BILIARY OBSTRUCTION.

I found that all the accustomed modes of treatment had been regularly abided by, and all the skill usual in such cases faithfully exerted. She had tried the Buxton and Whitby waters, and also, agreeably to her physician's advice, those of Harrogate, without producing the desired effect.

On her return from the latter place in July last, I advised her to try the ANTI-BILIOUS POWDER, and abide by the Regimen which I should prescribe; this she consented to do, and I had the pleasure to find, that the account I received from her brother was highly satisfactory; He informed me, that when she returned home, though timid at first, by the pressing advice of her friends she took the Powder as prescribed, using gentle exercise, and being, in some degree, relieved from her languor by every variety of entertainment which her family could invent.... The disorder, however, being obstinate, it was not till she had taken *eight Powders*, that riding out on horseback, she discovered an unusual sensation in her chest, and, as she expressed it, was relieved from "*an oppressive weight at her Stomach*." From this agreeable change in her stomach, the morbid symptoms gradually decreased; her complexion, naturally delicate, reassumed, from a deep tinged yellow, its usual florid appearance; and her eyes, equally discolored, regained their natural liveliness. Ultimately she experienced perfect health, with all its desirable concomitants.

Indeed, after what has been already advanced in the foregoing pages, should there remain a shadow of doubt respecting the merit of the ANTI-BILIOUS POWDER, or any prejudice which it may be proper to remove, willing to lay myself and the success of my Medicine open to every investigation, with pleasure I refer the anxious invalid, and the candid enquirer, to any Lady or Gentleman in LEEDS. My Character and professional Abilities, during a long residence in this respectable town and neighbourhood, I trust will stand the test of the strictest scrutiny; and obviate every idea either of PRETENCE or DELUSION.

R. P.



* * * The Public are respectfully acquainted, that, whilst this Appendix was at the press, Dr. ROBERT PRIESTLEY departed this life, at Leeds. The Recipe of the ANTI-BILLIOUS POWDER, the DOCTOR had previously committed to writing; and he had fully instructed in the preparation of the Medicine, Mr. CROFT WORMALD Surgeon of Harrogate, and Mr. SAMUEL COPPERTHWAITE, of Leeds Yorkshire (who is left Executor in Trust for the benefit of his infant Grandchildren), to dispose of the Powders as heretofore. A Probate of the Will is to be seen, for general satisfaction, at Mr. SAMUEL COPPERTHWAITE's, Mr. CROFT WORMALD's, and at the WAREHOUSE, No. ~~10, Market Street, Leeds~~—Mr. COPPERTHWAITE and Mr. WORMALD beg leave to assure the Public, that their attention and care in preparing the ingredients, and compounding the Medicine, shall be unabated and unceasing: they will likewise, in future, sign and seal every packet with their own hands and seals.—Mr. WORMALD having served his Apprenticeship to DOCTOR PRIESTLEY, became fully acquainted with his Medical Practice; from which circumstance he presumes, that in difficult, particular, and complicated cases, his advice will be found of important service, by directing and assisting the operation of the Powder to the most salutary effect; therefore, all letters addressed to him at Harrogate, or to Mr. COPPERTHWAITE, at Leeds, will be duly attended to.

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